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23:1 O Lord, father
and governor of
all my whole life,
leave me not to
their counsels,
and let me not
fall by them.

23:2 Who will set
scourges over my

**thoughts, and the
discipline of
wisdom over mine
heart? that they
spare me not for
mine ignorances
and it pass not
by my sins:**

**23: 3 Least mine
ignorances increase,
and my sins**

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**abound to my
destruction,
and I fall before
mine adversaries,
and mine enemy
rejoice over me,
whose hope is far
from thy mercy.**

**23: 4 O Lord, Father
and God of my life,
give me not a proud**

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**look, but turn away
from thy servants
always a
haughty mind:**

**23:5 Turn away
from me vain hopes,
and concupiscence
and thou shalt hold
him up that is
desirous always
to serve thee.**

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**Let not the
greediness of the
belly, nor lust of the
flesh take hold of me,
and give not over me
thy servant into an
impudent mind.**

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**Hear, O ye
children, the
discipline of the
mouth: He that**

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**keepeth it, shall never
be taken in his lips.**

23:8 The sinner
shall be left in his
foolishness: both
the evil speaker
and the proud
shall fall thereby.

23:9 **Accustom not thy
mouth to swearing:**
neither use thyself to

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the naming of
the holy one.

23:10 For as a servant
that is continually
beaten, shall not be
without a blue mark:
so he that sweareth
and nameth God
continually, shall
not be faultless.

23:11 A man that useth

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**much swearing shall
be filled with iniquity,
and the plague shall
never depart from his
house: If he shall
offend, his sin shall be
upon him: and if he
acknowledge not his
sin, he maketh a
double offense, and if
he swear in vain, he**

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**shall not be innocent,
but his house shall be
full of calamities.**

23:12 There is a word
that is clothed about
with death: God grant
that it be not found in
the heritage of Jacob,
for all such things
shall be far from the
godly, and they shall

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not wallow
in their sins.

^{23:}**13** Use not thy
mouth to intemperate
swearing, for therein
is the word of sin.

^{23:}**14** Remember thy
father and thy mother,
when thou sittest
among great men. Be
not forgetful before

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them, and so thou by thy custom become a fool, and wish that thou hadst not been born, and curse the day of thy nativity.

^{23:}**15** The man that is accustomed to opprobrious words, will never be reformed all the days of his life.

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23:16 Two sorts of men multiply sin, and the third will bring wrath: a hot mind is as a burning fire, it will never be quenched till it be consumed: a fornicator in the body of his flesh, will never cease till he hath kindled a fire.

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23:17 All bread is
sweet to a
whoremonger, he
will not leave off
till he die.

23:18 A man that
breaketh wedlock,
saying thus in his
heart, Who seeth
me? I am compassed
about with darkness:

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**the walls cover me;
and no body seeth
me, what need I to
fear? The most
high will not
remember my sins:**

**23:19 Such a man only
feareth the eyes of
men, and knoweth not
that the eyes of the
Lord are ten thousand**

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**times brighter than
the Sun, beholding all
the ways of men, and
considering the most
secret parts.**

**23:20 He knew all
things ere ever they
were created, so also
after they were
perfected, he looked
upon them all:**

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23:21 This man shall be punished in the streets of the city, and where he suspecteth not, he shall be taken.

23:22 Thus shall it go also with the wife, that leaveth her husband, and bringeth in an heir by another:

23:23 For first she

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**hath disobeyed the
law of the most High:
and secondly, she
hath trespassed
against her own
husband, and thirdly,
she hath played the
whore in adultery, and
brought children by
another man.**

23: 24 She shall be

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brought out into the
congregation, and
inquisition shall be
made of her children.

^{23:}**25** Her children
shall not take root,
and her branches
shall bring
forth no fruit.

^{23:}**26** She shall
leave her memory

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**to be cursed, and her
reproach shall not
be blotted out.**

23: 27 And they that
remain, shall know
that there is nothing
better than the fear
of the Lord, and
that there is
nothing sweeter
than to take

**heed unto the
commandment
of the Lord.**

23: 28 It is great
glory to follow
the Lord, and
to be received
of him
is long life.